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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION <u>DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2003</u>

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by February 12, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, extending the response date to March 12, 2003. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

The Pending Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.